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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT : Commendation - Commander John W. Holcomb, USN

1. This memorandum submits a recommendation for your approval; this recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. Attached is a proposed memorandum to the Navy expressing Agency appreciation for the assistance furnished OSA projects through the liaison support function of Commander John W. Holcomb, USN.

3. Commander Holcomb has served in this rather trying position since 1957, during which time he has represented the Bureau of Naval Weapons, the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Office of Naval Materiel. Frequently, support of our requirements necessitated his cutting across the Navy chain of command with the result that he found himself at odds with his contemporaries, and, occasionally, his superiors, who were unwitting of his Agency support role. His acceptance of these personal frustrations while discharging his assignment in a commendable fashion reflects well on Commander Holcomb as an individual and as a representative of his military organization.

4. Commander Holcomb retired from active naval service on 31 October 1963. It is felt that the attached proposed memorandum of appreciation is very much in order and, in fact, overdue. Accordingly, I recommend your signing and forwarding the attached memorandum.

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Proposed Memo to Rear Adm
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